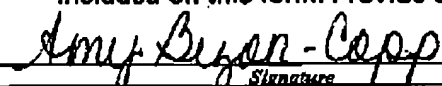


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Application No. 10/636,014	Filing Date 08/06/2003	Examiner Harry A. Grosso	Customer No. 23413	Group Art Unit 3727	Confirmation No. 1542
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In response to the Office action mailed September 22, 2005, Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper;

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